



computer forensics investigation and e-discovery consulting services

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Professional Experience:

Ms. Ardisson provides computer forensic and electronic discovery consulting services to the region's law firms and companies. She is a founding principal of bit-x-bit, LLC, and Chief Executive Officer of the company, and is responsible for the business, legal and project management work of the company. Her work includes assisting clients in the preservation, collection and searching of electronically stored information, and all phases of electronic discovery. Ms. Ardisson is fluent with the interplay of legal and technical issues and the evolving body of e-discovery case law. She has been a court-appointed expert for electronic discovery and computer forensics issues. She regularly assists clients with meeting the requirements of Rule 26 (f) conferences, and preparing e-discovery protocols to address such issues as phasing of e-discovery, preservation of electronically stored information, identification of key repositories of potentially relevant information, search methodology, testing and sampling of data, and segregation of privileged information. She is a frequent writer and speaker on computer forensic and electronic discovery issues.

Prior to forming bit-x-bit, Ms. Ardisson practiced business litigation in San Francisco, California, handling all aspects of litigation including motions to compel, protective orders, summary judgments, arbitrations, court trials, post-trial motions and appeals. Ms. Ardisson is member of the State Bar of California and has practiced before state and federal courts in California, including the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal.

Since 2008, bit-x-bit has enjoyed the exclusive endorsement of the Allegheny County Bar Association to provide computer forensic and electronic discovery services to ACBA members.

Education and Training:

The Sedona Conference: "E-Discovery Dispute Resolution for Special Masters & Mediators Program" (January 2010)



University of San Francisco School of Law

San Francisco, California, Juris Doctor 1983.

Topics Editor, University of San Francisco Law Review,

Co-authored *Fine Tuning California's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Statute* with James P. Hargarten, University of San Francisco Law Review, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Spring 1982)

Judicial Extern to the Honorable William H. Orrick, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Spring, 1982

Mills College

Oakland, California

B.A. in Political Science with Honor, 1977

Recent Speaking Engagements on Electronic Discovery and Computer Forensics:

"Tech Tips: E-Discovery in Everyday Cases (Questions and Answers)" (January 2010: Allegheny County Bar Association Technology Utilization Committee)

"Capturing and Securing Your Client's Privileged Electronic Data and Review of Recent Case Law" (November 2009: CLE for the Allegheny County Bar Association Labor and Employment Section)

Pitt Law Program "Legal Ethics and E-Discovery: Future Problems, Current Solutions" (October 2009: CLE Sponsored by the 2009 Edgar M. Snyder Distinguished Visiting Scholar Program, University of Pittsburgh School of Law)

"Examining the Digital Footprints Left by Departing Employees: Preserve and Search That Hard Drive" (October 2008: CLE Allegheny County Bar Association)

Representative Publications:

"Western District Adopts New Local Rule on Electronic Discovery" co-authored with Joseph Decker, Esq. (October 9, 2009, *Lawyers Journal*)

"Mining for Metadata: Ethical Considerations" (December 21, 2007, *Lawyers Journal*)

In addition, Ms. Ardisson writes and publishes qubit, bit-x-bit's publication on computer forensic and e-discovery issues, covering such diverse topics as "*Court Rejects Employer's Claimed Right to 'Rummage Through' Employee's Private Emails Sent to Her Attorney via Company Laptop*" (October 2009); "*Discovering the Identity of Anonymous Internet Posters; Balancing the First Amendment against the Right to Sue for Defamation*" (May 2009); and "*Closing the Barn Door after the Animals Have Run Away? Recovering Protected Electronic Communications*" (August 2008).



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ACBA Technology Utilization Committee, Civil Litigation Section
- Member, State Bar of California, 1983 to present
- Fellow, Academy of Court Appointed Masters (2010)
- Court Appointed Special Advocate for Abused and Neglected Children (2006 to 2007)
- Member, Bar Association of San Francisco, Arbitrator for the Committee on
Arbitration of Fee Disputes and Client Relations Committee (1984 to 1991)